



Telltale

Saratoga Lake Sailing Club

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From the Commodore

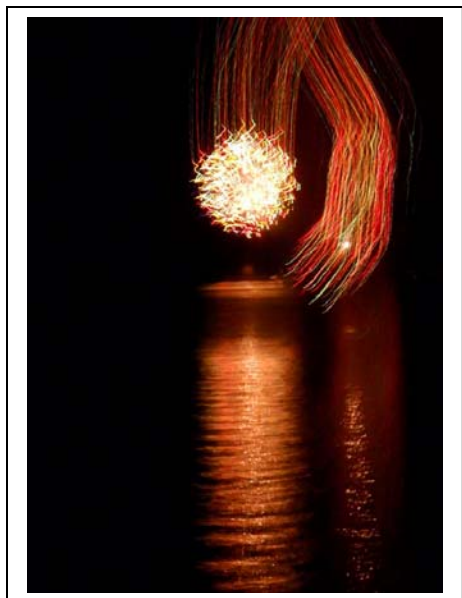
By James Nicol

With summer activities in full swing, the sailing club is too. Only Gene Auciello is authorized to predict the weather, but certainly we can pray for a dryer second half to the summer than the first.

At the mid-point of our year, the Club is doing well. Finances are in good shape, our membership is strong, most of our special projects are already complete for the year, the facilities are looking great (with the usual wear and tear), and the racing and sailing programs are going well too. I do want to highlight a few updates and recent developments for you.

As I let everyone know in a recent e-mail, I reluctantly accepted Peter Renders' resignation recently as Flag Lt Boats. Peter has many personal commitments and for the sake of the Club wanted to step back from his SLSC responsibility to enable more focus on Boats. I want to thank Peter for all his efforts over the past 18 months as Flag Lt Boats. Peter worked extremely hard to service and maintain the boats, making many improvements, culminating in the purchase last month of a 19' Carolina skiff, for \$6,000 less than budgeted. Well done, Peter and thank you. I'm pleased to report that JT Fahy accepted a request to take on Boats for the remainder of the year, and is off to a fast start. Thanks, JT for stepping in.

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Labor Day Lobster Boil

Cocktails at 4:00PM Dinner at 5:00PM

Surf & Turf \$28
Lobster Dinner \$23
Steak Dinner \$20

Kids (Hot Dogs/Hamburgers) \$7

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Last names M-Z please help!

For reservations, call Shirley Waterfield
at 584-5552
or e-mail swaterf1@nycap.rr.com
by Sept 3.

Notice: Please remove all personal food & beverage from the club refrigerators by Sept 3rd or it will be removed to make room for the event food.

If you are bringing a dessert or appetizer that needs refrigeration please bring a cooler. We need all the refrigerator space for the meal!

Upcoming Events

Aug 8.....Flying Scot Invitational
Sept 5.....Sailboard Regatta

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Efforts have been underway for several months to evaluate the replacement of our club's website. I'm chairing a website committee which includes Clark Cooper (current webmaster), Devon Howe, Matthew Sweeney and Fred Barker. Our current website has served us well. Clark Cooper designed, constructed and has maintained it for many years. Today it incorporates most of the features found on sites of much larger clubs. However, its fully customized, and requires Clark's programming skills to change content or make other changes. The committee recently recommended moving to a new website and at the last Executive Committee meeting, the Board agreed. The committee looked for packaged options that provide all the function we have now, and other functions we'd like to have, including the ability for club officers to edit content themselves, at an affordable price. We have found all those attributes in a package called ClubExpress, which as you might imagine, is designed for clubs like SLSC. Implementation details will be announced later. Moving from our current site will be bittersweet -- Clark has done a wonderful job, dedicating many volunteer hours over the years, and we all owe him our sincere thanks for his efforts.

I hope your summer is turning out to be an enjoyable one, and that you are visiting the club frequently, whether for racing, paddling, or socializing.



Paddlers participating in the SLSC kayak and canoe trip on Saturday, June 27, included (from left to right): Tom Neufeld and Ann Patman, Trisha and Bill Regan, Bill and Janet Hamilton, Max Mehlman, Margaret Shirk and Dan Mehlman, and Gene and Jeanne Auciello. A good time was had by all. A sunset paddle is being planned—check the Telltale for updates.

Ridder Victor in Adirondack Invitational

By John Hudson, crew, 3947

Seventeen Thistle crews from around the Northeast assembled at the Saratoga Lake Sailing Club on the weekend of June 20-21 for the annual Adirondack Invitational regatta. As the crews gathered for the skippers meeting a 10:00, hopes were high that the light northeasterly blowing would develop into a good sailing breeze. These hopes proved vain, as the breeze died, attempted a comeback, then quit completely, leaving the lake a glassy calm. Providentially, each crew had been given a pack of playing cards as a souvenir at registration, and soon numerous games were in progress. Others gathered to swap stories or tinker with their boats. At 3:00 the Race Committee called it quits for the day and attention turned to the beer keg. This was followed by the world-famous (almost) SLSC hors d'oeuvres spread, and a steak dinner cooked by master chef Dave Hudson, daughter Amy and RC member Ann Seidman. Partying continued well into the night, as no one was particularly tired.

Sunday dawned with a light but building northerly breeze. As the fleet sailed out, the wind built to the 10-12 range with higher gusts and racing began. The first race was a typical triangle-windward-leeward course. "Doc" Gates (3878) took an early lead and was never headed. He was followed by Jonas Kelly (3848) and Eric Goethert (3849). In race 2, another triangle-windward-leeward, Jared Ridder (3874) rode a big lift on the left side of the second beat to victory, with Goethert and Kelly again taking the next two places. This left Goethert and Kelly tied for the lead with 5 points and Ridder third with 8.

This situation changed abruptly early in the third race, a two-lap windward-leeward course, when Kelly got onto the wrong side of the first beat and rounded back in the pack and Goethert capsized on the short leg from the windward mark to the offset. Rob Dexter (3953), Fleet 147's newest member, led through most of the race, but was nipped at the finish by Ridder and Dave Hansen (616). As the cutoff time for starting races was approaching, the RC called it a day at this point. This left Ridder as the winner with 8 points, with Kelly second and Hansen third. Trophies also went to Gates in fourth and Bill Wilson (3908) fifth. Among the locals, Dave Hudson finished in ninth, followed by Scott Meyer (12), JT Fahy (13) and Tom Kilcer (15).

Thanks to RC Chairman Clark Cooper and all who helped make the Regatta a success.



North Ramp Extension Project Completed

By Gene Auciello

Mayer Industries Metal Fabrication of Ballston Spa, NY, delivered a 10' x 20' aluminum grated ramp in two sections for the north ramp extension the weekend of June 20. Mayer Industries collaborated with Allan Miller and Gene Auciello on ramp construction and specifications.

The ramp was installed prior to Sunday racing by a work party including Gene & Jeanne Auciello, Bob Barringer, Jim Benson, Joe Choi, John Collins, Tom Neufeld and Ann Patman. The ramp extension was primarily designed for launching and retrieving Kestrels, Flying Dutchman, Hobies, Jet 14s, and other light sailboats. Launching or retrieving larger sailboats, especially those on tandem-axle trailers, may bend the ramp.

After Sunday racing, Commodore James Nicol asked the Kestrel sailors about the ramp extension. Bill Churchman, long-time crew for John Collins aboard Kestrel 487, *Not to Worry*, exclaimed "The ramp is 300 percent better than it ever was."

The ramp extension will be removed during docks out and reinstalled in the spring.



Photographer Hunter Currin says Emmett McCarthy was my spotter tonight and pointed out the presence of our two bald eagles. On the left is the male and the female is on the right. The female has caught a fish in the middle.

Ensign Fleet News

By Bruce Blackie

The Ensign Fleet learn-to-race-by-racing program got off to a great start on a recent Wednesday evening when new Ensign owner Dan French Jr joined Bruce Blackie and Gene Auciello for this popular racing series.

It was a very light air race and the perfect opportunity to pop the 375 square foot Ensign spinnaker. With Dan at the helm and Gene at the spinnaker control lines, the team did a flawless spinnaker gybe and headed to the leeward mark.

After spending some time congratulating themselves on how well the gybe was done, the conversation turned to preparations for taking down the spinnaker and rounding the leeward mark. That's when reality hit. They weren't approaching the mark, they were there!

During the course of the fire drill recovery actions that followed, the team learned that the spinnaker, when used as a drag parachute, can bring an Ensign to a stop in about thirty feet. The other lesson is that these instances always happen when the mark is right off the clubhouse grounds and there is the maximum number of spectators.

Oh well, it's supposed to be a learning experience.

On the Block

Flying Dutchman:

FD US 1043 – On Piseco lake, stored for many years, owned by former SLSC Commodore, Bill Christ. Call Bill at 802-645-0213 if interested to work out a price.

Puffin:

14' 6" dinghy w/ sails & oars.
Excellent condition; used twice. \$2000
Call 802-645-0213

Flying Scot Fleet News

By Rob Hayes

The SLSC Flying Scot Fleet holds fleet meetings every third Sunday of the month following club racing (meeting starts at ~3:30 pm). Notices of changes to the schedule and/or additional meetings are communicated by email.

The 23rd annual Saratoga Flying Scot Regatta will be held on August 8 –9. This year's regatta has been unofficially dubbed the "Bailout Regatta" and will feature items left over from past years (...in an effort to reduce our inventory of fleet shwag). Volunteers are still needed for registration, lunch prep, dinner prep, and grounds coordination. New members are strongly encouraged to volunteer as it is a great way to get to know the other members Flying Scot family.

Please contact:

Ann & Peter Seidman (pseidma1@nycap.rr.com or 364-4249) or

Rob Hayes (purplehayes@nycap.rr.com or 429-5002)

This year FSSA has added bow bags and transom ports to the FS specifications. This means that to race in FSSA sanctioned events a boat must have this equipment installed. This equipment facilitates rescue and recovery in the event that the boat becomes swamped. Boats build after 1992 are already fitted with transom ports as standard equipment. Bow bags can be purchased from the Saratoga Flying Scot fleet (we have a limited stock of bow bags and other spare parts) or directly from Flying Scot Inc. If you are interested in installing a bow bag but need help please contact Rob Hayes (see contact info above).

**FLYING SCOT FLEET 161
23rd ANNUAL
FLYING SCOT INVITATIONAL REGATTA**

**AUGUST 8 AND 9, 2009
At Saratoga Lake Sailing Club**

Registration **By mail: save \$15 by August 1**
Friday August 7, 6 to 8 PM
Saturday August 8, 8:30 to 9 AM

Fee includes Friday supper and wine & cheese reception, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, our Famous U make it, U bag it, U bring it lunch for 2 Saturday and Sunday, Saturday cocktail party, dinner for 2 Saturday, (and beverages, of course).

\$90 by August 1, \$105 thereafter for members of US Sailing
\$100 by August 1, \$115 thereafter for non-members of US Sailing

Trophies to Skipper & Crew, Championship and Challenger Fleets.
Number of trophies dependant on number of preregistrations received by August 1

5 races, weather permitting

Friday August 7, 6 to 8 PM, registration, boat set-up,
Light supper, Wine and cheese reception

Skippers' Meeting Saturday 9:30 AM. 1/2 hour gun Sunday 9:30.

Breakfast and lunch Saturday and Sunday.
Saturday Fleet hosted cocktail party, Steak and chicken dinner in the Clubhouse.

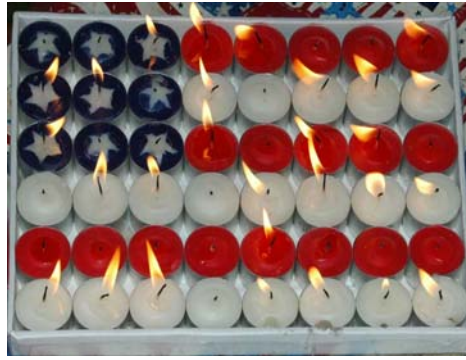
For information and preregistration contact
Peter and Ann Seidman, 33 Huckleberry Lane, Ballston Lake, NY 12019
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The "Flying Scot" Cocktail

2 oz. Scotch Wiskey
1 oz. Sweet Vermouth
1 tsp Honey
a few dashes of Angostura bitters

Stir & serve over ice

2009 July 4th BBQ



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SARATOGA LAKE SAILING CLUB

The Saratoga Lake Sailing club promotes and develops interest in sailing and sailboat racing.

The Club cooperates with and aids individuals and groups interested in sailing and requires in return, observance of such rules and regulations as are set forth by this organization.

ACTIVE FLEETS

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